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Title: Hymns of Arthraveda

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The Battle of Sildeth'dai

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The bards sing a tale of valor and woe About a noble hero from long ago Who fought against evil and was layed low At the battle of Sildeth'dai Ynessa, a paladin whose purity of heart Had made her a legend in nearby parts Gathered her troops and made plans to depart To the battle of Slideth'dai General Dhaemhazraas with her Siixt Legion Made a bid to take the region Sure her force could not be beaten At the battle of Sildeth'dai Ynessa's band was much outnumbered As the infantry began to lumber And hoof beats pounded like distant thunder At the battle of Sildeth'dai The hounds of war began

to bark As ten thousand clashed in the woods of Narse And fierce they fought till the sky was dark At the battle of Sildeth'dai The moon rose up shining bright But nothing would quell the fight As the battle continued through the night There was death at Sildeth'dai The Siixt horde tried to claim the field But the ragged band refused to yield As Ynessa wielded her holv steel At the battle of Sildeth'dai Though her arm grew tired, her face worn and pale Ynessa had refused to fail As she cleaved through orcs to no avail At the battle of Sildeth'dai

General Dhaemhazraas stood aside her legion And thought for sure the foe was beaten Sneereing at Ynessa's plight She longed to extinguish the paladins light And end the battle of Sildeth'dai

Astride her hellish steed the General moved with wicked speed Riding hard with sword of flame she kept both kin and foe at bay Till at last arrived at Ynessa's side In the battle at Sildeth'dai

What Ynessa could not know was that she faced her final foe And as the General dealt a mortal blow wide went Ynessa's eyes The sword pierced the armor of her chest And Ynessa breathed her final breath At the battle of Sildeth'dai